## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re: : Chapter 15

: Case No. 10-13164 (SMB) FAIRFIELD SENTRY LIMITED, *et al.*, : Jointly Administered

Debtors in Foreign Proceedings.

FAIRFIELD SENTRY LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION), *et al.*,

Plaintiffs, : Administratively Consolidated

Adv. Pro. No. 10-03496 (SMB)

-against-

THEODOOR GGC AMSTERDAM, et al.,

Defendants.

This filing applies to the Adversary Proceedings listed in Appendix A.

## SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF LUXEMBOURG DEFENDANTS IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' RENEWED MOTION TO DISMISS

Under paragraph 2(c) of the March 20, 2020 Scheduling Order [Dkt. No. 2926], the Defendants listed in Appendix A, or the "Luxembourg Defendants," respectfully submit this Supplemental Memorandum in Support of the Luxembourg Defendants' March 16, 2020 renewed motion to dismiss.

The Luxembourg Defendants join in, adopt, and incorporate by reference the Consolidated Memorandum of Law in Support of Defendants' Renewed Motion to Dismiss

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 561(d) and 546(e) and Insufficient Service of Process on Defendants in Foreign Hague Service Convention Signatory States (the "Consolidated Memorandum"), filed

on March 16, 2020 [Dkt. No. 2903].<sup>1</sup> As set forth in Part I of the Consolidated Memorandum, Section 546(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, as incorporated into these Chapter 15 proceedings by Section 561(d) of the Code, entirely bar the Liquidators' claims.

The Luxembourg Defendants submit this Supplemental Memorandum for the limited purpose of identifying and explaining the publicly available documents, of which the Court may take judicial notice, evidencing that they are "financial institutions" within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 101(22) or stockbrokers under 11 U.S.C. §101(53A), and therefore that Section 546(e) applies to the Luxembourg Defendants as set forth in Section I.D of the Consolidated Memorandum.

Together with the Consolidated Brief, certain of the Luxembourg Defendants have submitted the Notice of Filing of Exhibits to Supplemental Memorandum of Luxembourg Defendants in Support of Defendants' Renewed Motion to Dismiss (the "Notice"). The documents attached to that Notice—submitted by all the Luxembourg Defendants—confirm that each of those defendants is a covered entity pursuant to Section 546(e). In particular, each Luxembourg Defendant is a "commercial or savings bank" or "trust company" and thus a "financial institution" under 11 U.S.C. § 101(22) or a "stockbroker" under 11 U.S.C. §101(53A).

First, Exhibit A to the Notice consists of publicly available extracts from the Luxembourg Financial Sector Oversight Commission Firms Register, the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF). The CSSF is a public institution that supervises the professionals and products of the Luxembourg financial sector. <sup>2</sup> The CSSF website can be

Capitalized terms not defined have the same meanings as in the Consolidated Memorandum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See https://www.cssf.lu/en/about-the-cssf/about-the-cssf/; see also Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Madoff), 594 B.R. 167, 178 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2018) (acknowledging that CSSF is "Luxembourg's financial regulator"); https://www.cssf.lu/fileadmin/files/Lois reglements/Legislation/Lois/L 231298 cssf upd300518 eng.pd

accessed at https://www.cssf.lu/en/documentation/search-entities/. The CSSF extracts confirm, for each Luxembourg Defendant, that it was licensed as and conducting the business of banks (as indicated in the "Type" section of the excerpts) at all times between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2008 (the "Relevant Period").

Second, Exhibit B to the Notice consists of publicly available extracts from the Luxembourg Register of Trade and Companies (Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés Luxembourg) (RCS) as well as certified translations of each extract. The RCS is an "official directory of all the natural and legal persons in business and other bodies" operated by the Luxembourg Minister for Justice.<sup>3</sup> The RCS website can be accessed at https://www.lbr.lu/mjrcs/jsp/IndexActionNotSecured.action?time=1584651349810&loop=2. The RCS extracts likewise confirm for each Luxembourg Defendant, that it was licensed as and conducting the business of banks (as indicated in the "Company Purpose" or "Object social" section of the excerpts) at all times during the Relevant Period.<sup>4</sup>

f at 8 ("The CSSF is the competent authority responsible for the prudential supervision of credit institutions. . . .").

See "Business registers in Member States - Luxembourg," EUROPEAN E-JUSTICE PORTAL, available at https://e-justice.europa.eu/content\_business\_registers\_in\_member\_states-106-lumaximizeMS-en.do?member=1 (last accessed March 13, 2020) ("The business register (Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés (RCS)) is an official directory of all the natural and legal persons in business and other bodies referred to by the amended Act of 19 December 2002. The business register operates under the authority of the Minister for Justice. The task of managing the business register is entrusted by the Minister for Justice to an economic interest grouping, the Luxembourg Business Registers (formerly GIE RCSL), comprising the State, the Chamber of Commerce (*Chambre de Commerce*) and the Chamber of Trades (*Chambre des Métiers*).").

With respect to BNP Securities Services Luxembourg S.A., the RCS extract states that this entity operates "primarily in the areas of investment funds (acting as a deposit bank, transfer agent, central fund administrator under Luxembourg law), in providing services to issuers of debt securities (acting as a principal payer agent, brokerage agent on the Luxembourg stock market), in providing wealth management services and other specialized services adapted to the needs of a local and international institutional clientele." BNP Securities Services Luxembourg S.A., therefore, also qualifies as a "stockbroker" as it is an entity that "engages in the business of effecting transactions in securities" either "for the account of others or with members of the general public, from or for such person's own account"

Third, Exhibit C to the Notice consists of publicly available extracts from the French Financial Agents Register, the Registre des agents financiers (REGAFI). REGAFI lists all French companies that have been granted authorization to carry on banking, investment or payment services in France by the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution (ACPR).<sup>5</sup> ACPR is a French Independent Administrative Authority responsible, under Article 612-1 of France's Monetary and Financial Code, for issuing licenses and authorizations in the financial sector.<sup>6</sup> The REGAFI register is available at https://www.regafi.fr/spip.php?rubrique3. The REGAFI extracts confirm, for each Luxembourg Defendant, that it was licensed as and conducting the business of banks (as indicated in the "Activities based in France" section of the excerpts) at all times during the Relevant Period.

As explained on pages 24–29 in the Consolidated Memorandum, the Court can take judicial notice of the facts above showing that the Luxembourg Defendants are covered entities under Section 546(e), because those facts "can be accurately and readily determined from sources whose accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned," including the multiple official and public sources summarized above. FED. R. EVID. 201(b)(2); see Consolidated Memorandum § I.D (citing *In re Tribune Co. Fraudulent Conveyance Litig. Note Holders*, 946 F.3d 66, 78 (2d Cir. 2019) and other decisions relying on financial regulatory documents to confirm financial institution status). Thus, even if the Court does not dismiss the Liquidators' claims on the other grounds set forth in the Consolidated Memorandum, it should dismiss them because the

and where it has a "customer" within the meaning of Section 741 of the Bankruptcy Code. 11 U.S.C.  $\S101(53A)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See https://www.regafi.fr/spip.php?article8.

<sup>6</sup> See https://acpr.banque-france.fr/en/acpr/about-acpr/tasks.

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Liquidators have no plausible basis to challenge the Luxembourg Defendants' status as financial institutions or stockbrokers under the Bankruptcy Code.<sup>7</sup>

#### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

The Luxembourg Defendants expressly reserve all arguments not raised in the Consolidated Memorandum and this Supplemental Memorandum, including without limitation that the Bankruptcy Court lacks personal jurisdiction over the Luxembourg Defendants.

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If the motion to dismiss is not granted now, the Luxembourg Bank Defendants reserve their rights to submit additional evidence to support their "financial institution" status and to submit evidence showing that they are "financial participants" or fall within other protected categories later in these proceedings.

### **APPENDIX A<sup>8</sup>**

This supplemental memorandum applies to the following adversary proceedings:

	Adv. Pro.	Case Name	Defendant Name
	No.		
1.	Adv. Pro. 10-03505	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Edmond de Rothschild (Europe), et al.	Edmond de Rothschild (Europe) f/k/a Banque Privée Edmond de Rothschild (Europe)
2.	Adv. Pro. 10-03616	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banque de Luxembourg, et al.	Banque de Luxembourg
3.	Adv. Pro. 10-03624	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Caceis Bank Luxembourg, et al.	Caceis Bank Luxembourg
4.	Adv. Pro. 10-03626	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. BNP Paribas Luxembourg (a/k/a BGL BNP Paribas S.A.), et al.	BNP Paribas Luxembourg (a/k/a BGL BNP Paribas S.A.)
5.	Adv. Pro. 10-03627	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. BNP Securities Services Luxembourg S.A., et al.	BNP Securities Services Luxembourg S.A.
6.	Adv. Pro. 10-03634	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Zurich Capital Markets Company, et al.	Banco Itaú Europa Luxembourg SA
7.	Adv. Pro. 10-03635	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.	Caceis Bank Luxembourg

The names of defendants included in this Appendix reflect parties named as defendants by the Liquidators in the relevant Complaints (or to the extent there has been an update to the docket in a particular Action changing the name of a defendant, the updated defendant name) (the "As-Named Defendants"). The inclusion of the As-Named Defendants in this Appendix or any other Appendix is not and shall not be construed as an acknowledgement that any such As-Named Defendants are cognizable legal entities or as a waiver of any substantive or procedural rights and remedies by any such As-Named Defendants, all of which are hereby expressly reserved.

	Adv. Pro.	Case Name	Defendant Name
	No.		
8.	Adv. Pro. 10-03635	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.	Banque Internationale à Luxembourg SA f/k/a Dexia Banque Internationale à Luxembourg SA
9.	Adv. Pro. 10-03635	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.	RBC Investor Services Bank S.A. (f/k/a RBC Dexia Investor Services Bank S.A.)
10.	Adv. Pro. 10-03635	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.	Société Générale Luxembourg f/k/a Société Générale Bank and Trust
11.	Adv. Pro. 10-03636	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.	Caceis Bank Luxembourg
12.	Adv. Pro. 10-03636	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.	Banque Internationale à Luxembourg SA f/k/a Dexia Banque Internationale à Luxembourg SA
13.	Adv. Pro. 10-03636	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.	RBC Investor Services Bank S.A. (f/k/a RBC Dexia Investor Services Bank S.A.)
14.	Adv. Pro. 10-03636	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.	Société Générale Luxembourg f/k/a Société Générale Bank and Trust
15.	Adv. Pro. 10-03755	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banco Itaú Europa Luxembourg SA, et al.	Banco Itaú Europa Luxembourg SA
16.	Adv. Pro. 10-03864	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Natixis Private Banking International SA - Client Account, et al.	Natixis Wealth Management Luxembourg f/k/a Natixis Private Banking International S.A.
17.	Adv. Pro. 10-04088	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Credit Suisse (Luxembourg) SA, et al.	Credit Suisse (Luxembourg) SA

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	No.		
18.	Adv. Pro. 10-04090	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Dexia BIL for Customer Account, et al.	Banque Internationale à Luxembourg SA f/k/a Dexia Banque Internationale à Luxembourg SA
19.	Adv. Pro. 11-01242	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. BGL BNP Paribas S.A., et al	BGL BNP Paribas S.A. (f/k/a/ Fortis Banque Luxembourg)
20.	Adv. Pro. 11-01242	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. BGL BNP Paribas S.A., et al	Banque Generale du Luxembourg (n/k/a BGL BNP Paribas S.A.)
21.	Adv. Pro. 11-01565	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. FS/ING Lux, et al.	ING Luxembourg
22.	Adv. Pro. 11-01584	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Societe Generale Bank & Trust (Luxembourg), et al.	Société Générale Luxembourg f/k/a Société Générale Bank and Trust
23.	Adv. Pro. 11-01598	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banque et Caisse D'epargne de L'Etat Lux, et al.	Banque et Caisse D'Epargne de L'Etat Luxembourg
24.	Adv. Pro. 11-01615	Fairfield Sigma Ltd. v. Societe Europeenne de Banque S.A.	Intesa Sanpaolo Bank Luxembourg SA (formerly known as Societe Europeenne de Banque S.A.)
25.	Adv. Pro. 12-01147	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg, S.A., et al.	Banque Degroof Petercam Luxembourg S.A.
26.	Adv. Pro. 12-01187	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. Banque Havilland S.A., et al., f/k/a/ Banco Popolare di Verona e Novara Luxembourg S.A.	Banque Havilland S.A.
27.	Adv. Pro. 12-01555	Fairfield Sentry Ltd. (In Liquidation), et al. v. HSH Nordbank Securities S.A., et al.	HSH Nordbank Securities S.A. n/k/a HCOB Securities S.A.

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